FOR MYSORE STATE

Rural welfare (1953) Department.

MS SERIES.

G.O. NO.

Dated 2-1-53

[Despatch Abstract.]

H. Raod C E — Sri Ranganathaswami temple, Chikmagalur
Hospet Tk. Bellary dist. Appointment of trustees
Objection — petition — orders passed

To

The Hon'ble Minister,

Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments,

MADRAS.

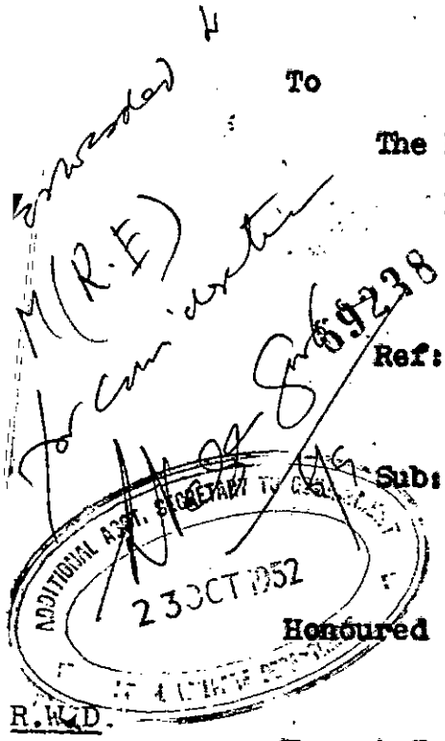
Ref:- Memorandum 7711/50-3 Adm. d/ 1-8-52 of Assistant Commissioner, Anantapur. - Resolution No.18 d/ 14-7-52.

Sub:- Regarding appointment of Trustees to Sri Anjineya swami temple, ~~Gkm~~ Chitwadigi, Hospet Taluk, Bellary District.

Honoured Sir,

We, the devotees of Chitwadigi village, Hospet Taluk, place before you the following points for your consideration and necessary action.

1. The temple of Sri Anjineyaswamy, at Chitwadigi has been under the trusteeship of Sri.K.Mahabala Rao, of this village for the past several years as single trustee and is now still acting in that capacity. All of a sudden we have come to know from Sri.K.Mahabala Rao that he has received orders from the office of the Assistant Commissioner, Anantapur to hand over charge to a panel of three trustees, choosed by the Area Committee, Bellary, who are not natives of chitwadigi village. In this connection we wish to point out that about 4 to 5 thousand people live in this village. All the day to day functions and the big annual Car festival are being done by the people of Chitwadigi village. Sri.K. Mahabala Rao as single trustee for these several years has improved the temple from a ruinous to a flourishing state. This is no exaggeration. There are several records in your office appreciating his work. We are surprised to note the action taken by the Asst. Commissioner on the advise of the Area Committee without consulting the citizens of Chitwadigi in the appointment of the new three trustees who are quite alien to our village. There are several capable men in our village more efficient and popular than the three new trustees now chosen. The Committee could have chosen the



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Please call for a report and put up with the connected papers.

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three trustees from our village itself. Neither the area Committee nor the Endowment authorities have informed the people of Chitwadigi about the appointment of new trustees in place of Sri.K.Mahabala Rao. This action of the Area Committee and the authorities in ignoring us completely shows that you have no respect for us. We are very much upset at the action taken by them. Hence in the interest of the temple and the devotees we request the Board authorities to appoint trustees from this village.

2. In case the Board and the authorities do not re-consider in the light of the above points, in the appointment of trustees to Sri Anjineyaswami temple, the Board will be unnecessarily driving us to unpleasant consequences and the Board will have to face very many troubles. We wish to assure that no single devotee is happy at this arbitrary order of the Asst. Commissioner and the Area Committee.

3. We hope that better enlightenment will dawn on the three authorities in the appointment of the trustees from our own village.

Chitwadigi,
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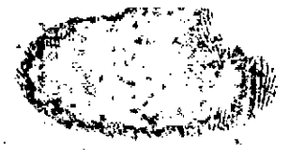
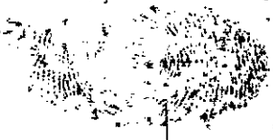
Yours faithfully,

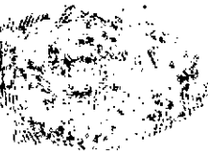
C Raghavendra
H. Mahabalarao
Jahagirdar
M Shivaiah
T. Hanumantha Rao
K. [illegible]
Bellary
29/8/52

Copy to:

1) The Commissioner,
H.R.C.E. Board, Madras.
2) The Deputy Commissioner,
H.R.C.E. Masulipatam.
3) The Asst. Commissioner,
H.R.C.E. Anantapur.
4) Sri. Y. Mahabaleswarappa,
Member, Area Committee,
Bellary.
5) Sri. Gududur Thimmappa,
Member, Area Committee,
Bellary.







R. Anantha Krishna Rao
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గంధర్వులు

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K. Shadakshariah
V. Sushiladevi Rao

M. Mahanthadeva
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K. Neelakanta Rao
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త్రిపురాంబికా విలాసము

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V. Varadendra Rao
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D. Gangappa
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petition has at once to be dealt through the Commr. H.R and C.E (Endowments) Dept, with all connected papers.

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To
The Dy
The Commr.
Hon and C.E (Endowments)
Board
Dept
Madurai

Copy to the Commr.
Hon and C.E (Endowments)
Dept.

Note: There is no right of appeal against the order of appointment of trustees by the Board Commissioner under Sec. 41(1) of the H.R. & C.E. Act. If Govt. are to interfere they can do so normally in exercise of the powers vested in them under Sec. 99. But if the petn. in the C.E. is to be treated as one presented under Sec. 99, then a court fee stamp of Rs. 2 towards the value of Rs. 25 should be affixed.

The draft overleaf is however submitted.

For the consideration of M.(R&E) and I.F.

For orders.

This is a Mahazar Rajas by accused

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Minno. 69228/R.W.V/52-1 dated 5.11.52.

H.R and C.E - Sri Anjaneyaswami temple Chikwadigi, Hospet TK - Bellary dist. - Appointment of hereditary trustee - Objection petition

Ref:- petition from Sri C. Raghava Reddi Govt and others dated nil.

The attention of the Commr. H.R and C.E (Adm.) Dept. Madhavaram is invited to the petition from Sri C. Raghava Reddi Govt and others dated nil on the subject mentioned. (Copy sent herewith) and he is requested to give his remarks after

Issue - Let us have the report from the Commr and the question of taking action under 99 may be examined after the report of the Commr

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Office of the Commissioner for Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments, Madras.2.

Letter No.47839/52-2-Adm. dated 13.12.52.

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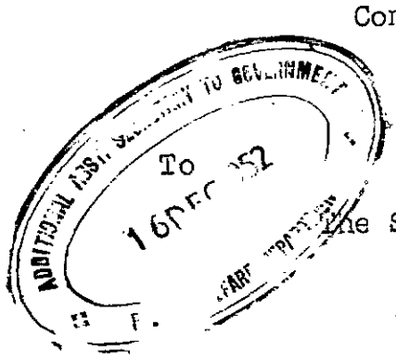
From

Sri T.M. Chinnaiya Pillai, M.A., B.L.,
Commissioner, Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments, Madras.



To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Rural Welfare Department, Fort St.George,
Madras.

Sir,

Sub:- Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments - Sri Anjaneya swami temple - Chitwadigi - Hospet taluk - Bellary district - Appointment of Trustees - objection petition of Sri C. Raghava Gowd and others - report of the Dy. commissioner, Masulipatam, - submitted.

Ref:- 1. Govt.Memo No. 69238 RW(V)/52-1- dated 5.11.52.
2. Letter No. 15120/52-2-Adm. dated 3.12.52 from the Deputy Commissioner, Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments, Masulipatam.

The report of the Deputy Commissioner, Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments, Masulipatam with reference to the Government Memo. cited, is submitted herewith.

As it is open to the petitioners to file a regular petition under section 18 of Madras Act XIX of 1951, before me for revision of the decision of the Area Committee, if so advised, no further action is necessary on the petition under reference.

Yours faithfully,

Commissioner.

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The temple is governed by a scheme settled by the Ex.Hindu Religious Endowments Board in B.O.No.213 dated 21-4-1927. As per clause 1 of the scheme the management vests in a single trustee. Sri K.Mahabalarao was appointed as a trustee efor two years in Proceedings No.313 dated 7-11-47 and his trusteeship had expired in 1949 and he has been continuing as a defacto trustee. The Local Officer made enquiries in the village in the matter of selection of trustees and recommended the names of suitable persons to be appointed as trustees by the Area Committee. It may be stated in this connection that Sri K.Mahabalarao was also the managing trustee of Sri Hosuramma temple, Hospet, getting an income of Rs.15,000/- annually. He was found to be mis-managing the affairs and mis-appropriating the funds of this temple.

On receipt of a report from the Assistant Commissioner, Anantapur, charges have been framed against him, by me, in O.A. No.80 of 1952 dated 29-7-52 and the case is pending further enquiry.

The Area Committee being aware of the mis-management of the temple by this Ex.Trustee Sri K.Mahabalarao, appointed another person Ily Mallanna as a trustee. As it was also felt by the Area Committee that it is not desirable to place the entire administration in the hands of a single trustee, the Area Committee also appointed two more trustees, Sri R.B.Shetty and Sri Kalasabal Seenappa, residents of Hospet.

The Assistant Commissioner reports that the petition under consideration has been submitted at the instigation of Sri K.Mahabala-Rao who wants to be continued as trustee for his own reasons, that his appointment would be highly detrimental to the interests of the temple and it is not correct to say that the villagers have not been consulted at the time of appointing the new trustees.

The petitioners are at liberty to file a regular petition if so advised before the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Madras, if there is any real grievance for a revision of the orders of the Area Committee under Section 18 of the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act XIX of 1951. No further action need be taken on the present petition.

Yours faithfully,

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments, Masulipatam

LETTER NO.15120/52-2 ADM. DATED 3-12-1952.

From

Sri D.Suryanarayanaswamy, B.A., B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments,
Masulipatam.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Rural Welfare Department,
Fort St.George,
M A D R A S.

Through

The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments,
(Administration)Department, M A D R AS.2.

Sir,

Sub: Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments - Sri Anjaneyaswamy temple - Chitwadigi - Hospet Taluk - Bellary District - Appointment of trustees - Objection petition of Sri C.Raghava Gowd and others - Remarks submitted.

Ref: Government Memorandum No.69238 RW(V)/52-1 dated 5-11-1952.

The petitioners state that Sri K,Mahabalarao has been acting as sole trustee of the temple for the last several years and that he received orders from the Assistant Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Anantapur directing him to hand over charge to the trustees appointed by the Area Committee. They object to the said appointment for the reason that the trustees selected are not residents of Chitwadigi, that the management of Sri K.Mahabalarao as trustee has improved the temple, and that the Assistant Commissioner did not consult the Villagers in respect of appointment of trustees.

In pursuance of the Orders of the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Madras on a similar petition the Assistant Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Anantapur, submitted his report in his letter No.3389/52-1 Adm.Dated 6-11-1952 and it is herewith enclosed.

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Office of the Assistant Commissioner for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department, Anantapur.

Letter No. 3339/52-1 Adm. dated 6-11-1952.

To

The Commissioner,
H.R & C.E., (Adm.) Department,
MADRAS.

Sir,

Sub:- Appointment of trustees--Sri Anjaneyaswamy temple--Chitwadigi--Hospet taluk--Bellary district--

Ref:- Memo.No.37700/52-1 Adm. dated 14-10-1952.

This is a Mahazar petition from the village of Chitwadigi which is a part of the Hospet municipality. There is a temple by name Sri Anjaneyaswamy temple. This temple is governed by a scheme settled by the Board in B.O. 913 dated 21-4-1927. Clause 1 of the scheme vests in the management of the institution in a single trustee appointed for the temple. One Mahabala Rao was appointed as a trustee of the temple and his term expired on 7-11-49 and no further appointment had been made. The local Officer, Bellary submitted proposals for the appointment of 3 trustees. The Inspector's report is worthy of close perusal. When I camped in the village and asked this Mahabala Rao to give his consent to be the trustee for another term, he said he is fed up with the officers of the Board and said he was unwilling to be the trustee for another term. Then the Inspector invited application for trusteeship. When the Inspector consulted other members of the village they said or rather it is correct to say that Mahabala Rao manipulated and made them say that in the whole world Mahabala Rao was only the only desirable candidate. When the Inspector received one application from another person, this Mahabala Rao sent in his application for trusteeship. The Inspector recommended any one of the candidates to be appointed as trustee of the temple. I feel it is necessary to say few more words about the false and assumed integrity and undesirable character of

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this Mahabala Rao about whom the public of Chitradigi are so enamoured of. Mahabala Rao is also the managing trustee of Sri Hosuramma temple at Hospet, a rich institution getting an annual income of Rupees Fifty Thousands. Even as a trustee of that temple he was posing as a Champion of honesty and integrity and devout worker. His dishonest Character in dealing with the funds of that institution had been unearthed, he was collecting rents due to the temple even when there is an Executive officer who is alone entitled to receive the temple money and using the same for his own purposes which is nothing short of misappropriation of temple funds. I reported this matter to the Deputy Commissioner in this office letter No. 321/52-2 Adm. dated 16-5-1952 copy of which is herewith enclosed for proper appreciation of the character of this false and assuming man, and the Deputy Commissioner had framed charges against him in his O.A. No. 80 of 1952 dated 29-7-1952. That in short is Mahabala Rao, who had successfully deceived the public and this department till very recently posing himself as a very devout person sweeping in the temple every day and misappropriating many of the temples uncaught and unnoticed for a long time. has come and he will be punished for his misdeeds.

The subject of appointment of trustees had been placed before the Area Committee for orders. They have fully discussed the matter, were convinced that Mahabala Rao should not be appointed as a trustee of the temple and appointed Ily. Mallanna the person recommended by the Inspector. Feeling it undesirable to place the entire administration of a rich temple in the hands of single trustee, another two rich and influential persons of good character and integrity Sri R.B. Shetty and Sri Kalsebal Seenappa, residents of Hospet and personally to members of Area Committee were appointed as trustees of the temple. A

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eam of three trustees was therefore appointed to Sri
njaneyaswamy temple, Chitwadigi. The members of the
rea Committee are fully alive to the deep game that
s being played by Mahabala Rao in preventing others
or applying for trusteeship.

I have sufficiently explained in detail the matter relating to the appointment of trustees. Now I submit remarks on the points raised in the petition. This petition is all managed by Mahabala Rao, who still wants to cling to the office in spite of his many misdeeds and misuse of trust funds. The points raised in the petition are:

1) that Mahabala Rao was a trustee for many years and improved the temple,
2) that three trustees have been appointed from Hospet who are aliens to the village of Chitwadigi where the temple is situated even though there are several capable men in the village and all this was done with-out consulting the public.
3) that the department will be unnecessarily driving the petitioners to unpleasant consequences if the orders of the Area Committee is not cancelled.

As regards the 1st point raised in the petition, it needs no further comment. The character of Mahabala Rao had been explained by me in detail at the begining of this report of mine. His appointment as a trustee will be highly detrimental to the interests of the institution.

As regards the 2nd point raised by the petitioner it is totally false to say that they were not consulted. The Inspector camped in the village, invited applications and none from the village had applied, except one from Hospet. It can be easily inferred that this Mahabala Rao managed the situation in such a way that no body from the village had applied and he wanted to impress on the

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authorities that he was the only desirable man in the village and he was adored so by the illerated and ignorant public. He expected the authorities to request him for accepting the post of trusteeship for another term. He failed in his calculations and he himself gave his application as the Inspector correctly put it "after knowing that others have applied for the post". Mahabala Rao is defeated in his game. Chhatwadigi is a part of Hospet municipality and it is in correct to say that aliens have been appointed. All the three trustees appointed are the residents of Hospet town.

The third point raised in the petition is a challenge to the department. I cannot say anything on that. It has only to be accepted and if they indulge in lawlessness, there is police department to maintain law and orders. These threats need not deter us from pursuing a right and proper path.

Yours faithfully,

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Bsm.6/11. 6/11/12 ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Encls:-
Report of the Inspector -1 .
Letter of the Assistant Commissioner recommended action for removal of Mahabala Rao - 1.

Rural Welfare

Id. R.C.C. - Sri Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Chitvadigi, Harpet Tk, Bellary dt - Appointment of trustees - objection - Petition Order - Passed.

Read the following: from Sri C. Raghava Gowd & Others Chitvadigi, Harpet Tk, Bellary dt petitioners dt nil

- from the Dy. Commr., RDM & C.C. (R) Sec Masulipatam no 15120/52-2 Admn dt 3-12-52
- from the Commr. RDM & C.C. (R) Secretariat no 47839/52-2 Admn. dt 13-12-52

Order No -1- R. D. dt 2-1-1953

The petitioners are informed that they may, if so advised, file a petition under sec 18 of the RDM & C.C. Act, 19 before the Commr. RDM & C.C. (R) Secretariat for

revising of the decision of the Area Committee [illegible] of
Concerned.

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To Sri C. Raghavan Govt
Chitravadurgi, Hospet
Bellary Dt.
Copy to the Comm't [illegible]
Copy to the Dy. Comm'r, [illegible]
[illegible], Mantralayam

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Heard Sri petitioner from the residents of Chikwadigi Village, Hospet Tk, Bellary dt on p.p. 1-2 ante, the minutes of M.(R.P.) on p1 ante, the report of the Commr., (Hill & C.C. (A) Deptt, Municipalities) p.p. 11-12 ante & that of the Commr. on p 9 ante.

p 1 ante — The petitioners object to the appointment of new trustees to the Sri Anjenayaswamy Temple Chikwadigi, Hospet Tk on the grounds that they are residents of Chikwadigi, that ~~management of~~ Sri K. Mahabalarao as trustee for the last so many years, has improved the temple, and that the Amildar Commr did not consult the villagers in respect of appointment of trustees

p.p. 11-12 ante — The Dy. Commr has explained the circumstances that necessitated his appointment of new trustees for the temple in question in his report on p 12 ante It is seen that the appointment of Sri Mahabalarao as trustee would be highly detrimental to the interests of the temple as he was found to be mis-managing the affairs of the temple in question. The grievance also made to the Dy. Commr submits that the petitioners are at liberty to file a regular petition under sec 18 of the Hill & C.C. Rules, 1951 before the Commr for revision of the decision of the Area Committee and as such no further action need be taken on the petition

p 9 ante — by Govt The Commr also agrees with the Dy. Commr.

In the circumstances, no interference on the part of Govt under

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re 9-9-11-V the Adv seems Cuttack Dr
The petitioners may be sister and their husband's name. If
~~to-day~~ the petitioners does not seem
to advise, move the Board under Sec. 8 of the Act.
~~necessary. The petition may be called~~

May be Circulated to M.(R.R.)

D.R.S. Sankaravadivelu
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Venkatarangaiya Reddy
-30/12/52

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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Admitt order is submitted

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